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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**Hiroataka CHIBA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2625**

Serial No.: **10/784,876**

Examiner: **Jerome GRANT II**

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For: **IMAGE READER**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED September 6, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: September 28, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **September 6, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-28 and 93-105; Group (II), Claims 29-52; Group (III), Claims 53-79; Group (IV), Claim 80; Group (V), Claims 81-88; and Group (VI), Claims 89-92.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 29-52 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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